

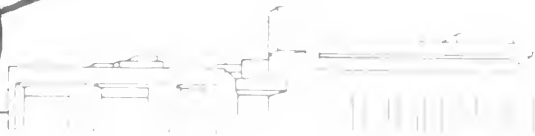
# **Montana Newsletter**

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# News



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State Librarian Sara Parker, with representatives of the State Library, is at July 29. Parker is meeting with Montana State Librarian Gary Alestad, during the 1981-82 session.

## JUNE COMMISSION AGENDA ACTIVE

After lengthy discussion, the State Library Commission voted at a June 22 meeting in Helena to oppose a proposed fee for users of university libraries. A close three-to-two vote reflected the conflict between the Commission's concern for the university libraries' funding difficulties and the commitment to its goal of keeping open access to libraries. The Board of Regents will decide whether to institute fees for general users and for students at a July 25 & 26 meeting in Great Falls.

The commissioners' discussion of their concerns about this issue was preceded by

reports from the State Library Commission's subcommittee on university libraries. The subcommittee, led by State Librarian Sara Parker, reported that the Montana State Library Commission had received a letter from the Montana State Board of Regents asking the Commission to support a proposed fee for users of university libraries.

Lewis & Clark Press, Inc. Debbie Schlessinger, representative of the Montana Library Association, presented a report on the strategies for the next legislative session. Legislative sessions planned in Yellowstone County to coincide with Library Awareness week September 12 through 17. Schlessinger stressed the importance of strengthening friends of libraries groups to promote the legislative effort.

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Say yes and know.  
Get a library card.

**THE LIBRARY**

## SCHOOL IS LIBRARY THIS SEPTEMBER MONTH

As reported by the State Board of Education, about 100,000 children in the state about 100,000 are registered in the public schools. The local libraries are the target of the state's campaign to increase the number of children who are registered in the public schools. September is "School is Library Month".

The campaign is sponsored by the State Board of Education, the State Library Association, and the State Board of Education. The campaign is a joint effort of the State Board of Education, the State Library Association, and the State Board of Education.

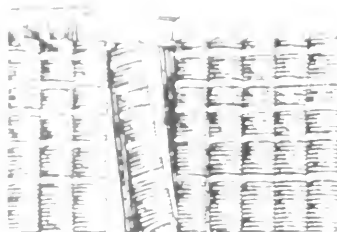
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For more information, interested in an application for a library card, or for more information and ideas for participating, may contact Salie K. ... of the State Library, ... of the State Library, ... of the State Library.

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## GRANTS FOR CENTENNIAL PROJECTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Libraries interested in applying for grants for centennial projects must apply for a grant from the Centennial Office. The Centennial Office has issued a draft of grant making rules and will accept public comment on the rules through August 22.

The proposed rules will be used to direct earnings and royalties from Centennial projects such as license plates, Centennial acres, and the various Centennial products to Centennial projects requiring financial assistance.

Grant applications will be available after the rules are approved. Once the rules have been approved only licensed affiliates and projects will be eligible for the grants. The Montana Statehood Centennial Office's address is P.O. Box 1980, Capitol Station, Helena, 59620.



## "DOCUMENTS WEST" A CENTENNIAL EVENT

"Documents West," is a cooperative effort among the six northwestern states celebrating their centennials in 1989 and 1990. The travelling exhibit documents America's westward growth. It includes the Louisiana Purchase agreement and the 1803 agreement with France that deeded the territory extending west from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains.

Also included in the exhibit will be Indian treaties and documents related to the Lewis

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Many friends and supporters of the Laurel Public Library attended groundbreaking ceremonies on June 4 for a new library building. Former State Representative, Mel Williams, was the master of ceremonies. Peggy Arnold, Laurel librarian, reported on July 6 that the walls and roof are now up and workers are putting on shingles. The projected completion date is October 1989.

## CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK IN NOVEMBER

Wish Upon a Book™ is the theme for the sixty-ninth annual National Children's Book Week, November 11-20. A variety of materials, including posters, bookers and bookmarks, promoting this theme are available. An illustrated Book Week marker, brochure with price and discount information can be ordered by sending a SASE to: Children's Book Council, 67 Irving Place, New York, NY 10022.

## CONSUMER INFORMATION CATALOG AVAILABLE

The Consumer Information Center publishes a free catalog four times a year which contains listings for more than 200 available federal publications.

Resources on nutrition, money management, health and dental benefits and many other subjects are listed in the catalog. It can be ordered by writing to: Consumer Information Center, Department AP, Pueblo, Colorado 81001.

## EDITOR

The Montana Library Association is looking for an editor for its newsletter, *Focus*. Interested parties should contact Georgia Lomax at the Flathead Community Library, 247 First Ave. E., Kalispel, MT, 59901, 756-5690.

